

NEWS RELEASE

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LINCOLN FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES

"LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF TO BE HONORED BY LINCOLN FIRE DEPARTMENT"

MONDAY MORNING, THE LINCOLN FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL HONOR EMANUAL BARTEK OF LINCOLN FOR HIS ROLE IN SAVING A LIFE. THE CEREMONY IS SET FOR 9:00 A.M. MONDAY, APRIL 17 IN TRAINING ROOM "A" AT THE LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, JUSTICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER, 575 SOUTH 10TH. BARTEK IS A DEPUTY SHERIFF WITH THE LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND IS BEING HONORED FOR HIS OFF-DUTY EFFORTS.

LINCOLN FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS RECENTLY DISPATCHED TO AN INCIDENT INITIALLY INVOLVING A PERSON HAVING DIFFICULTY BREATHING, WHICH TURNED OUT TO BE A FULL CODE (CARDIAC ARREST). ENGINE #3 AND ENGINE #13 RESPONDED TO THIS CALL. ON ARRIVAL LINCOLN FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDICS & CREWS FOUND THE PATIENT ON THE GROUND OUTSIDE OF THE PATIENT'S VEHICLE WITH A FAMILY MEMBER PERFORMING CPR, AT WHICH TIME THE FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDICS & CREWS TOOK OVER. THE PATIENT WAS DEFIBRILLATED THREE TIMES, AN E.T. TUBE PLACED AND IV STARTED BY FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDICS FROM ENGINE 3 AND ENGINE 13. CARDIAC DRUGS WERE ADMINISTERED. A TOTAL OF SEVEN SHOCKS WERE ADMINISTERED BEFORE THE PATIENT REGAINED A PULSE.

DUE TO BARTEK INITIATING IMMEDIATE CPR, AND QUICK RESPONSE ON SCENE BY LINCOLN FIRE PERSONNEL, THE PATIENT HAD A PULSE AND A GOOD BLOOD PRESSURE WHEN DELIVERED TO THE HOSPITAL.

THE LINCOLN FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDICS & CREWS OF ENGINE #3, AND ENGINE #13 WILL BE PRESENTING EMANUEL BARTEK WITH A CERTIFICATE FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN SAVING A FAMILY MEMBER'S LIFE, AND GIVING THIS PERSON A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE.

ALL MEDIA ARE INVITED.

